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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-SB08.

I hereby certify that no item of information in the information disclosure statement filed herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Accordingly, applicants petition the Commissioner to consider this information disclosure statement.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized  
the required fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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